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Claims Large Over-expenditure in Contracts on Relief Projects—Says Competitive Bids Banned

Charging grave irregularities in the provincial highways department of such a sweeping nature that they amounted to "a scandal and a crime," and declaring that of forty-nine contracts let in the past two years for highway construction only nine have been let by tender, and that in the remaining forty gross overpayments had been made in every instance, W. R. Howson, Liberal leader, caused a session in the legislature on Wednesday afternoon when he charged deliberate falsification of engineers' records to cover up the irregularities and called upon the whole government to resign.

### Road Graft Charged By Grit Chief

Minister Howson in his speech, and quoting from official replies tabled in the legislature to questions asked by him earlier in the session as his authority, the Liberal leader drew the front benches of the government supporters into a fever of excitement and set on foot a campaign of "road graft" charges against the highways department. Mr. Howson said he did not consider and in full realization of his position as the leader of a party and of his duty to that party both within and without the house.

**IMMEDIATE PAPER ASKED**  
His attack was sweeping and far-reaching. Overpayments in yardage of loose rockwork, overcharges on solid rockwork, overcharges in clearing and grubbing operations, and finally a scandalous amount.

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### ROOSEVELT IS GIVEN POWERS OF MAGNITUDE

Sweeping Regulations Are Passed on to President—Will Balance Budget

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### Prairie Weather

FAIR AND MILD  
Highest temperature 54 degrees below zero.  
Lowest temperature 24 degrees below zero.  
Wind light and variable.  
Clouds light and variable.  
Precipitation none.

### NORTHERN WEATHER

Thunderstorm, fair, cloudy, calm, 14 to 20 degrees.  
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### WHEAT SURGES UPWARD MORE THAN 2 CENTS

Futures Hit Highest Levels Since Last August at Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, March 16.—Once again on the upward trail, price of Canadian wheat, as requested by futures quotations on the Winnipeg grain market, stood today at the highest level since last August. Wheat prices today, surging upward in the last hour, closed at prices 10 cents higher.

### CHICAGO PLACES ORDERS

Even though their own market was available for the first time in nearly two weeks, Chicago grain traders today placed orders into the Winnipeg pit. Restrictions placed on the southern market found price advances to five cents and, this mark established, operations came to a standstill there.

### Restrictions To Be Removed

CHICAGO, March 16.—Fred H. Clatten, secretary of the board of trade, announced in the pit a few minutes before closing that restrictions in price fluctuations of all

### HUGE TOTAL FARM LIENS FOR CANADA

244,201 Farms Mortgaged to Extent of \$677,564, -100, Cents Says

OTTAWA, March 16.—The average farm mortgage in Canada amounts to \$2,783. Dr. R. H. Coats, Dominion statistician, told the parliamentary committee on banking and commerce today. Only about 40 per cent of the farms are mortgaged.

### TODAY'S ODDEST NEWS

DISC FLOW UNBATHS JAR OF GOLD COINS  
RUSK, Tex., March 16.—Emerson's nose, his hat and his cane, his disc flow was to blame. It unearthed a glass of gold coins, said to amount to \$225, recently, Fortworth, Pough kept himself a motor car and "retired."

### SALESMAN KIDNAPED OF BURGULAR ALARM SAMPLE

KANSAS CITY, March 16.—It was not so much news that A. C. P. St. Thomas' car was kidnapped, as the fact that he was kidnapped. It was that one of his samples was a burglar alarm sample.

### WIFE LEAVES MAN IN HUFF MAKES WORK

TORONTO, March 16.—When a wife leaves her husband, she takes all the keys with her, and he is left in a huff. He is left in a huff, and he is left in a huff.

### Aged Woman Rides 10 Miles To Make \$200 Bank Deposit

BROOKFIELD, Ky., March 16.—An aged woman, 83 years old, rode 10 miles on a horseback, bringing \$200 to the Citizens bank.

### Duff Commission Work Cost \$62,338

OTTAWA, March 16.—The Duff Commission cost \$62,338, according to a statement given in the house of commons yesterday to a question asked by a member.

### Lighter Causes Fire

TORONTO, March 16.—A fire from a cigarette lighter being refilled caught fire last night and caused the loss of \$100 in the home of J. A. Wright.

### ARMY OF 200,000

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### CAPITALS OF EUROPE HEAR TALK OF WAR

Various Cities Stirred by Rumblings of Armament Race

By The Associated Press  
Talk of war and armament race stirred various European capitals today while the heads of chief nations were getting together to try to avert threatening clashes.

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Hon. O. L. McPherson, Minister of Public Works, Claims Allegations Founded on Erroneous Statement

Reviews Entire Relief Works Program Carried Out Under a Joint Dominion-Provincial Arrangement

Claiming that the allegations of maladministration and dishonesty hurled at the department by W. R. Howson, Liberal leader in the legislature in the course of his budget debate afternoon on Wednesday, were founded on an erroneous statement which Mr. Howson knew to be erroneous, Hon. O. L. McPherson, minister of public works, in the legislature on Thursday gave a categorical denial to all charges made.

In the course of his address he reviewed the entire relief works program carried out under a joint Dominion-provincial arrangement, which had formed the basis of Mr. Howson's charges.

The minister took up in turn the various charges made by Mr. Howson.

In reply to the criticism that the policy of the public works department had not been to build roads, the minister claimed that over a period of years, practically without exception, work had been let by tender. The minister under discussion was Mr. Howson.

The program as carried out, had been approved by the Dominion government, following announcement of the joint Dominion-provincial arrangement in 1927.

"Until the announcement by the Dominion, the public works department had no knowledge of work that might be done under a relief program and therefore it was not to make the usual preparation with the usual survey and estimate of work."

Mr. Howson, he said, had known, when making his tenders for the program, that the program was carried out under a joint Dominion-provincial arrangement.

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### 80,000 QUAKE VICTIMS GIVEN RELIEF MEALS

Emergency Mass Feeding Is Necessary in Temblor Area

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# City Council Votings for Canadian Electors

## City Council Adopts 1933 Salary Schedule At Meet Wednesday

### How Blizzards Act In England

#### 10 Per Cent Reduction For Those Earning Over \$1,800 Only Change

City salary schedule effective in 1933 was adopted by city council at a special meeting Wednesday night, the one change being that those earning over \$1,800 and not over \$2,000 per year will receive a reduction of 10 per cent.

The 1933 schedule of rates is as follows: Employees earning up to \$1,200 per year, four per cent; those earning between \$1,200 and \$1,800 per year, five per cent; those earning over \$1,800 and not over \$2,000 per year, six per cent; those earning over \$2,000 per year, eight per cent.

The four and eight per cent reductions were in effect last year. The four per cent reduction being imposed on those earning up to \$1,200 per annum, and eight per cent on all those earning over \$2,000.

**EXPECT 30 MILLS**  
As a result of the decision on the new question and on the basis of the present estimates which have been tentatively made, city council members expect that mill rate of 30 can be struck for 1933. Definite action on this in connection will be made at a special meeting in the near future, possibly next Monday.

Recommendation by Commissioner of David Mitchell that "it is further considered equitable that all single employees on full time basis receive the amount of their earnings, and be subject to the same percentage reduction which will be imposed on all others" was approved.

Ald. C. L. Gibbs moved the issue of bringing into effect the 1933 salary schedule.

The original motion sponsored by Ald. J. W. Fry provided for the following reductions in salaries up to \$1,200, five per cent; over \$1,200 and not over \$1,800, six per cent; over \$1,800 and not over \$2,000, seven per cent; over \$2,000, eight per cent.

A roll vote was recorded on Ald. K. H. Macdonald's motion that the city council should vote on the salary schedule.

Those voting for the amendment were: Aldermen Gibbs, H. D. Ainley, John Sheppard, J. W. Findlay, J. A. Macdonald, and Mayor K. H. Macdonald.

Those voting against it were: Aldermen C. L. Gibbs, J. H. Ogilvie, and Robert Baker, and J. W. Fry.

**FAVORS MAXIMUM CUT**  
According to his statement later delivered, Ald. Fry said that single employees without dependents should receive the maximum 10 per cent cut.

He gave his reasons for the scale of reductions as suggested by him, and said that the maximum 10 per cent rate would be in effect in 1933. He said that it was almost impossible to raise the tax rate without the consent of the ratepayers.

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The audience applauded the speaker at this point and was brought to order by the mayor.

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#### 16 Per Cent is warranted in the case of all civil employees on full time basis.

In view, however, of the fact that up to the present the principle of a differential rate of four per cent has applied to those earning up to \$1,200, an increase of one per cent on that class would probably be proportionate, while an increase of two per cent should be applied in the case of those in receipt of over \$2,000.

Opposing the amendment, Ald. Ogilvie said that many taxpayers were complaining the question of whether they should hold or abandon their property. If the city gave property-holders some encouragement, they would hold their property.

He pointed to the fact that two city-owned blocks were not producing enough revenue to cover expenditures, and the ordinary property-holder is not doing any better.

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Encouraged cuts did not represent all the reductions taken by the employees, he continued, as many had suffered as a result of short-time employment.

Merchants were in a desperate state, he said, and the city was bringing in a system of rotation of help. Edmonton firms had a total of \$1,000,000 in stock, and \$1,000,000 in cash, and \$1,000,000 in inventory.

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#### Widespread blizzards in the British Isles have brought people there face to face with the worst winter weather they have had in half a century.

Heavy snowfalls were followed by a sudden thaw that sent rivers out of their banks and caused widespread damage and distress. At night it is a scene in Guildford, in Surrey, where gallant young men added dainty maidens over flooded streets. Below is a scene near Cardiff, Wales, showing a bus driver housing a fallen driver off his bus. Transportation was tied-up for hours, and communication systems, as can be seen in picture, were disrupted.

**SAVING OF \$21,000**  
The 1932 reduction in salaries had resulted in a saving to the city of \$21,000, which was within approximately \$30,000 of the city's share of relief cost last year, Ald. Ainley explained.

Encouraged cuts did not represent all the reductions taken by the employees, he continued, as many had suffered as a result of short-time employment.

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Reggie Mapp, rookie pitching member of the New York Giants squad recently put in his appearance at Los Angeles training field, where the team is warming up



Canadian witcher ponies Brigadier - General B. M. Hepburn, war hero and ex-M.P., is following the horses down Hialeah way



And when twins don't look alike—that's news. Scientists are interested in twin boys recently born on the island of Catalina, California, to Mexican parents. One is a normal dark-haired dark-skinned youngster—the other an albino



Members of the American Legion carry the flag-draped coffin of Mayor Cermak to Chicago-bound train. The entire colony of local inhabitants and seasonal visitors turned out to pay homage



Off to the bone-yard. After more than a million miles in the transcontinental mail service the old 400 is junked. Major Bishop, Allen Winslow, Clare Vance and other world-famous pilots have flown it



Follows the swallow with a song. Sam Simpson, visiting Chicago Cubs at Catalina Island holds a baseball in his mouth—then pages Joe E. Brown, maybe



Her master's voice being prohibited in animal talkies, film pets must learn to obey silent orders. Here's Miss Pandora, a bright pupil, after two years of practice



These charming youngsters are Beryl and Pearl, twin four-year-old wards of the York County Children's Aid Society, Toronto, Ont., for whom a home is being sought



Manages Maritz. The petite young miss in the leg-o-mutton is Vivian Gaye of Hollywood, who looks after the interests of Sari Maritz, film notable



United States golfer weds in England. Charles Swenson is shown leaving the Oratory at Brompton, England, after his marriage to Margaret, daughter of George Hay Whigham of Ascot. She was previously engaged to the Earl of Warwick



It worked! Using a piece of steel drill, pipe handles and other odds and ends, Lloyd Sampson and Martin Colson, imprisoned at San Francisco, fashioned these guns. When discovered, Colson killed himself



Brave the waves—but it's all in fun. The championship crew from Swansea, New South Wales, launch their craft at the start of the senior surf-boat race during Newcastle carnival



Cheque and double cheque—but the show must go on. If cash is scarce in New York, credit is abundant—that's why theatres are accepting patrons' signatures for the necessary amount



Working on a budget but getting nowhere. Georgia Hammer and Bill Cole entered the Pinehurst, N.C., 'weepsteaks,' but their mule must have thought it was an obstacle race or something



When Hal Chase, former first baseman of the Chicago White Sox, was chucked out of big-time baseball for 'throwing' games, friends said it'd all come out in the wash. It did, Hal now runs an auto laundry in Tucson, Arizona









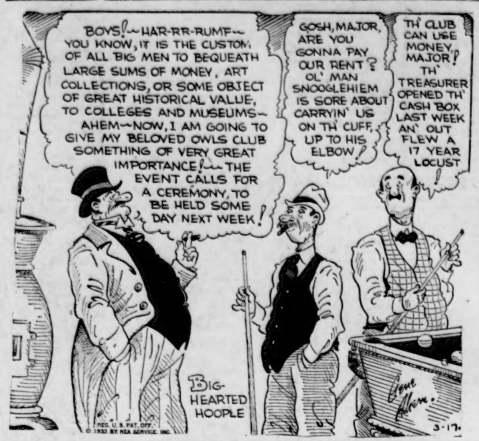




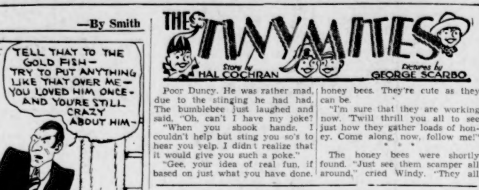




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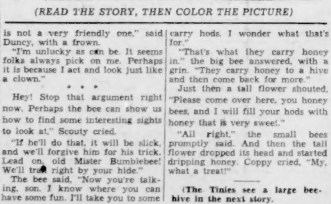
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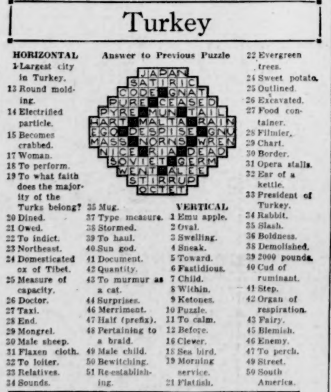
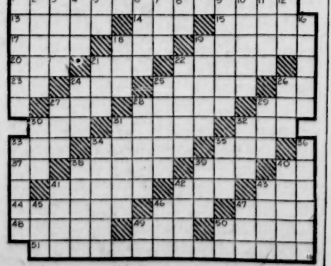


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**Dr. Blosser**







